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Programme of activities of the International Year for People of African Descent

1. In operative paragraph 1, replace "*Takes note* of the draft programme" with "*Decides* to adopt a programme", and add the words "contained in the annex to the present resolution" at the end of the paragraph:

> 1. *Decides* to adopt a programme of activities for the International Year for People of African Descent, contained in the annex to the present resolution.

2. In operative paragraph 2, replace "*Takes note with appreciation*" with "*Welcomes*":

> 2. *Welcomes* the ongoing efforts of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent and of its recommendation on the theme "People of African Descent: Recognition, Justice and Development" contained in its report (A/HRC/14/18).

3. In operative paragraph 4, replace "high-level thematic debate" with "global consultation in Geneva":

> 4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to close the International Year for People of African Descent with the convening of a global consultation in Geneva on the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Year.

4. In operative paragraph 5, replace the words "to support" with the words "to participate in and support":

> 5. *Invites* Member States to participate in and support the implementation of activities for the Year, and to cooperate constructively and decisively to ensure rapid progress and concrete results in the achievement of the objectives of the Year.

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5. In operative paragraph 6, delete the words "Member States" before the word "donors":

> 6. *Encourages* donors and other stakeholders to participate and contribute, on a voluntary basis, to activities related to the Year.

6. At the end of operative paragraph 7, delete the words "and, as a guideline, the draft programme of activities":

> 7. *Also encourages* the specialized agencies of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates and existing resources, intergovernmental organizations and civil society, including non-governmental organizations, to develop activities for the Year, taking into account its goals and objectives.

7. Add the following text as an annex to the draft resolution:

Annex
Draft programme of activities of the International Year for People of African Descent

At the international level

1. Ensuring prominent display and consideration of the theme of the International Year for People of African Descent: "People of African Descent: Recognition, Justice and Development", throughout the activities of the Year.

2. Design of a logo for the Year, preferably by an artist of African descent, for use in connection with the Year.

3. Issuance of slogan cancellations by the United Nations Postal Administration, reflecting the theme and the title of the Year.

4. Production and dissemination by the Department of Public Information and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights of an illustrated brochure for use by United Nations Information Centres, non-governmental organizations, schools and the general public, as well as a poster highlighting the theme of the Year and a public service announcement using the same design for placement in international news media, websites, and the like.

5. Undertaking a survey under the guidance of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent on the status of the implementation of the provisions of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action that relate to people of African descent.

6. Accelerating global support for and contributions to the realization of the permanent memorial to the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade and the solemn observance at all United Nations headquarters and in the programme of United Nations bodies in session of 25 March, the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade.